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Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) a  
 continuation application of:  
 divisional application of:

Pending Prior ApplicationApplication No. 09/534,921 filed 03/23/2000.Title Improving Host I/O Performance and Availability of a Storage Array During Rebuild by PrioritizingI/O RequestsName of applicant(s) Umberger et al.Copy of Application

- Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the drawings.  
 Enclosed is a new specification, including new drawings.

Oath or Declaration

- Enclosed is a copy of the prior Declaration (37 CFR 1.63(d)).  
 Enclosed is a newly executed Declaration (original or copy).

Foreign Priority - 35 USC 119

- Foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 has been claimed in prior Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_
- The certified copy has been filed in prior Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 filed \_\_\_\_\_
- A separate paper claiming direct priority to a foreign application is enclosed herewith. A certified copy of the foreign application will be provided in due course.

Relate Back - 35 USC 120

- ) Amend the specification after the title by inserting the following heading:

--Cross Reference To Related Application(s)--;

and add the paragraph:

--This is a  continuation  divisional  
 of copending application number 09/534,921 filed on 03/23/2000,  
 which is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

Inventorship Statement

- ( ) Delete the following named individuals as inventors in this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.53(b) as a result of a change in the claimed subject matter:

Appointment of Associate Attorney

- ( ) Recognize as Associate Attorney or Agent \_\_\_\_\_  
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( ) authorization is hereby granted by signature below of the Attorney or Agent of record  
( ) the Associate Attorney or Agent may not have the authority to appoint other Attorneys or Agents  
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Other Amendments

- ( ) Before calculating the filing fee, amend the prior application as follows:  
( ) Cancel the following claims \_\_\_\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes).  
( ) Enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment.

Fee Calculation

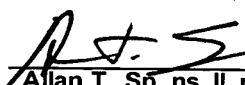
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TOTAL CLAIMS	23 — 20	3	X \$18	\$ 54
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3 — 3	0	X \$84	\$ 0
ANY MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS	0		\$280	\$ 0
BASIC FEE: Design (\$330.00); Utility (\$750.00)				\$ 750
TOTAL FILING FEE				\$ 804
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Respectfully submitted,  
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